

TORONTO.

In the magazine section of *The Globe* of Saturday last may be found a cut of the proposed new Caven Memorial Library building at Knox College. The plans have been prepared by Mr. John M. Lyle, a Canadian, who is both an artist and an architect, and who did notable work in New York prior to his recent removal to Toronto. The new building will be effective in appearance and excellently adapted for its purpose. The style of architecture is collegiate Gothic. The frontage will be 100 feet, the depth 38 feet, and the height of the tower over 50 feet. The material will be white brick, in harmony with the college building, and the cost will be about \$30,000. Great care has been taken in designing the building for the stacking of books and for the convenience of students. Besides the large stackroom, there are several reading and consulting rooms. The upper story will be devoted to museum purposes. The Building committee have been at work with considerable success, securing the necessary funds, and have now a large part of the required amount subscribed. The work of construction will be begun at an early date, and when completed the Caven Library will be a worthy memorial of the distinguished man who for so many years was Principal of Knox College.

Plans are being prepared for the new Knox Church, to be erected on Spadina avenue. The new edifice will be constructed of stone, with a seating capacity of 1,500. There will be no galleries. The style of the building will be of the beautiful decorated Gothic description of the middle ages, and present a very handsome and imposing appearance.

Rev. Dr. Patterson, formerly pastor of Cooke's Church, arrived in the city last Friday from Philadelphia, and will stay for a few days with his brother, Mr. James Patterson, 26 Glen road, Rosedale. He preached anniversary sermons on Sunday to large congregations, and was warmly greeted by many old friends.

Rev. Donald Macgillivray, D.D., whose important work in connection with the Christian Literature Society of China is well known, is in the city for a few days. He conducted the services at St. Enoch's Church on Sunday morning and addressed Bloor Street Presbyterian Church in the evening.

The *Hamilton Times* says: Rev. M. P. Talling, Ph. D., who by his able ministrations to the congregations of Knox, St. Paul's and Erskine Churches has won the high esteem of our people, is returning to Toronto, to pursue his literary labors. He has now in the hands of the publishers two volumes, one on "Intercommunion," and another on "Extempore Prayer," both of which are assured of a warm welcome by the public. Dr. Talling is an excellent pulpit speaker, a keen thinker and a man of broad mind, and liberal views, and his work in our city shows him to be possessed of the qualities that go to make up the successful pastor. He will be followed by the good wishes of all our people who profited by his sojourn among us.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The MacNab street Presbyterians, Hamilton, tendered a reception to their new pastor, Rev. H. B. Ketchen on Wednesday evening. Mr. Donald McPhie was in the chair, and the following made addresses: Revs. E. A. Henry, D. R. Drummond, J. A. Wilson, Logie Macdonnell, Roy VanWyck, John Young, Dr. Fletcher and Dr. Lyle. On behalf of the ladies, Mesdames McQueston and C. W. Graham presented a silk gown to Mr. Ketchen. Altogether it was a very pleasant affair.

Rev. H. B. Ketchen, the new pastor of MacNab Street church, Hamilton, preached his inaugural sermon last Sunday. He made a favorable impression. Rev. Legie M. Macdonnell, the new assistant pastor of Central church, also

preached to the congregation of that church. He was greeted by a large congregation and preached a powerful sermon.

In Hamilton a successful movement is being made for the erection of a new church on the mountain at the head of Westworth street. The committee appointed some time ago to solicit subscriptions has received so much encouragement that it has been decided to have the plans and specifications prepared at once. It is thought that the new church will be ready for occupation before the fall.

Rev. Sam B. Russell has been inducted pastor of Erskine Presbyterian church in the presence of a large congregation. Rev. Dr. Lyle was moderator. The induction sermon was preached by Rev. H. B. Ketchen, the new pastor of MacNab Street Presbyterian church. Rev. E. A. Henry of Knox church gave the charge to the new minister of Erskine, and Rev. J. Anthony of Waterdown gave the charge to the congregation. Mr. Russell was welcomed very cordially by the church people at the close of the service.

Stratford Presbytery has elected Rev. H. McCulloch, Tavistock, clerk and treasurer, in room of Rev. J. D. Ferguson, resigned.

At Stratford Presbytery was read the report for the year ending December 31, 1904, on statistics and finances, which showed a slight decrease in church sittings, families in congregations, single persons received on profession, received on certificate, total on roll, and baptisms. In finances there was also a slight decline reported under most heads, except those of the W. F. M. S., for which there was an increase over the previous year.

Rev. J. D. Ferguson has resigned the charge of Burns' church, which has been accepted, to take effect on 1st July.

Rev. A. J. Graham, Avonton, has been appointed moderator of Harrington session during the vacancy.

The contract for the renovation of St. Andrew's church, Thamesford, has been let and the work will be done during the last two weeks of the month.

By arrangement of Presbytery, Rev. Thomas Eakin, of St. Andrew's, Guelph, and Rev. J. H. McVicar, of Fergus, exchanged pulpits last Sunday week, their special mission being to advance the schemes of the church. Both ministers made a strong presentation of the cause.

At the meeting of Paris Presbytery sympathy was expressed for Rev. Dr. MacKay, Woodstock, and Rev. D. V. Ross, St. George, both of whom were unable to attend through illness.

Rev. A. J. McGillivray, of London, is announced to preach anniversary sermons in First Church, Chatham, on 28th May.

The Ayr Oddfellows attended service at Knox church on Anniversary Sunday, when the pastor, Rev. John Thomson, preached a suitable sermon from the text: "Incline your ear and come unto Me. Hear and your soul shall live." Special good music was provided by the excellent choir of the church, and the entire service was inspiring and helpful.

At Paris Presbytery Mr. Pettigrew gave a report on the movement for the increase of ministers' stipends to a minimum of \$800. It was to the effect that Glenora had come up to the standard, and Wrenham, Delhi, East Oxford, Blenheim, Verschove, Culloden, had come up to \$750. It was unanimously agreed that the committee be continued and further action be deferred till the July meeting.

On the suggestion of Rev. Dr. McMullen it was agreed by Paris Presbytery that the 400th anniversary of the birth of John Knox be marked by sermons to be preached on Sabbath, May 21, by all ministers within the bounds.

Rev. D. M. Buchanan, of Jarvis, preached the last sermon of the series on "The great men of the Bible" last Sunday evening; his subject being "Paul the Great Evangelist."

Rev. Dr. Campbell, formerly of Erskine church, Ottawa, has been preaching at Bradford.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

The contract for the new Sunday school room in connection with St. Andrew's church, Almonte, has been awarded to Mr. James Wilson for \$2,575. It will be a substantial addition to the church edifice and will furnish much needed accommodation for efficient Sunday school work.

Rev. Principal Gordon, D.D., of Queen's University, and Rev. Alex. McGillivray, of Toronto, are visiting Cornwall and neighborhood in the interest of Queen's. Both gentlemen preached at Cornwall and Wilmamtown last Sunday.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Glangary Presbyterian W. F. M. S. will be held in MacLaren Hall, Alexandria, on 21st and 22nd June. An interesting programme has been prepared for the occasion.

Sunday, the 21st inst., is the 400th anniversary of the birth of John Knox. The Brockville churches intend having some part in the celebration and joining with the whole church in bringing to mind what we owe to the great reformer. Rev. Mr. Strachan and Rev. Mr. MacLeod will exchange pulpits in the morning, when Mr. Strachan will speak on John Knox, the man and his message. Mr. MacLeod will speak on the fruits of Presbyterianism. At the evening service they will deliver ex parte sermons to their own congregations. On Monday evening, in St. John's church, a public meeting will be held, when four laymen will deliver short addresses on the educational and national side of the influence of John Knox.

The Presbyterians of Amprior are giving a unanimous call to Rev. W. W. Peck, M.A., LL.D., recently of Napanee. The stipend promised is \$1,200, free manse and the usual holidays.

Rev. G. A. Woodside, Orleton Place, and Rev. W. G. Wilson, Smith's Falls, exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

At Barrie Presbytery Rev. Dr. Grant, Orillia, was appointed Commissioner to the General Assembly in the room of Rev. Dr. Smith, who has removed from the bounds.

A request from North Bay Presbytery that the village of Allansville be given over to them was agreed to by Barrie Presbytery.

Banks and Gibraltar, two stations on the Collingwood mountain, were made a supplemented congregation at 1st meeting of Barrie Presbytery. St. Andrews and Craigleith, at the base of the mountain, were joined as mission stations.

Rev. Mr. Caw, of Thornton, who was appointed by Barrie Presbytery to preach the Bradford charge vacant, occupied the pulpit last Sabbath week and preached an able discourse from Hebrews, 2nd chapter, 10th verse.

Rev. D. Carrie, M.A., of Knox church, Perth, has returned from Clifton Springs and has resumed pastoral work.

The Oddfellows of Amprior, instead of going to a church in town for the usual anniversary sermon, drove out to the Presbyterian church, Branside, where they listened to a very appropriate sermon from Rev. Dr. Moore, who is a member of the order.

The Russell Oddfellows attended service in the Presbyterian church last Sunday, when Rev. T. A. Sadler, B.A., preached the anniversary sermon.

Mr. John McAndrew, Sr., Toronto, for a long time resident at Renfrew, has just given \$500 to the building fund of St. Andrews church there; \$200 to Victoria Hospital, and \$100 to the Y.M.C.A. of that town. The Mercury says: Mr. McAndrew has set a good example which other well-to-do farmer residents of Renfrew might follow with advantage to the town's institutions and with pleasure to themselves.

We are builders of our own character. We have different positions, spheres, capacities, privileges, different work to do in the world, different temporal fabrics to raise; but we are all alike in this—all are architects of fate.—J. F. W. Ware.